An Observance Unusual in Theatres in This City.

who started in half a dozen years ago rounds.

Christmas has more significance at the the year before a silver service came his Hippodrome than it has at most of the way, and this year more silver has been theatres because the company there is added to his collection. It is understood permanent. This is particularly true of that no one is obliged to subscribe for the ballet and the chorus, in which one these gifts but contributions usually begin sees at each production the same girls to come in before the paper starts on its are kept and Christmas is the holiday

under the direction of Signor Romeo and Mrs. Siebarth, who has had charge



Manuel Klein, who are still members of of the costume room since the Hippothe Hippodrome's staff.

spised, but silk umbrelias help to keep many giving that the totals are large.

drome opened, is also remembered every In this way the community spirit, which Christmas. She has sewed up more tears the medern idea of theatrical manage- and wiped away more tears than she could has practically destroyed, is still possibly tell about but she admits they kept alive at the Hippodrome and is mani- are about equal in number and in im fested at Christmas in the exchange of portance. Half a dozen other heads Heads of departments reap at this of departments also receive gifts. The time the reward of their labor during the contribution per capita is not a large year. Grateful words are not to be de- one for these presents, but there are so the rain off. R. H. Burnside, billed as The dressing rooms at the Hippodrome

stage director and producer, is always for the ballet and the chorus are built particularly well-remembered. Last year in tiers and this year a number more the company gave him two silver vases, have been added, so that 100 people may

be taken care of comfortably. There some twenty-six changes a day made thirteen at each performance, and as may be supposed it is necessary to have space enough in each dressing room to swing a cat. Just about that amount of space is afforded and there is apparently nothing that produces such lasting friendships as the constant interchange of rabbit feet, cosmetics and hairpins.

Each dressing room has fifteen, twenty, twenty-five tenants as the case may be, and these communities, sharing good times and gossip, are in turn divided up into still smaller cliques of two, three four or five. Many of these cliques share the same flats and lodging rooms or board in the same places. Anniversaries flourish in these groups. Birthdays are not forgotten, wedding and divorce days of holidays

In the dressing rooms trees are planted beforetime on top of the dressing tables. banked with rouge pots and vanity boxes to keep them in place; stockings are hung in obvious places; packages wrapped in tissue paper and decorated with sprays of holly and scarlet ribbons are hidden plainly in sight. Many of the young women give Christmas dinners at their

There are twenty children in the present production at the Hippodrome, some of them sharing with their mothers the burden of the family support. Four young women who started twenty years ago under Mr. Burnside's management at the Alhambra, London, are billed on this year's Hippodrome programme as the young daughter in the cast. Children's to you as she unwraps a large woolly dog with a music box in its interior that while who share her dressing room she intends to give something to each of the children.

A particular Christmas tree this year has been under the superintendence of Miss Spellman, who gives what time she can afford from it to the popular divertissement of the bears, among whom are number of small brown babies, who have to death for her English home, to which been very impatient for the last month to celebrate their first Christmas. Several provision stores have sent in the honey for the bottles which will form the princinal decoration for the trees. The guests are to have their hair specially brushed to wear new scarlet bows and to be garnished generously with sprigs of holly.

After Miss Spellman has shown you her preparations you are allowed to have a peep at Lena, the mother elephant who is knitting some socks for Baby Mine, who is also celebrating her first Christmas and who has had cold feet ever since the advent of the bears. It is hoped that the socks will make everything all right.

There is a regular sick fund established at the Hippodrome. Every one contributes to it to the extent of 10 cents a week, which entitles an invalid to the



A TRUNKFUL OF PRESENTS FOR "BABY MINE."

during the certificated illness

Mordecai sisters, and one of them has a ample, there was more than the usual on the subject was heard amount of rivalry between the chorus and The ballet girls had decided not to make

then in the hospital and grieving herself | year's celebration

services of a doctor and to \$7 a week the doctors said she must return if she was to recover. The tree was returned But the charitable feeling kept alive to the shop, the list of desired presents in the Hippodrome community does not destroyed, the orders for decorations and begin and end there. Last year, for ex- goodies were rescinded and nothing more

Christmas trees are sprinkled all over the the ballet. It was shown in little ways the matter public and they did not. Neverplace. One of the chorus girls explains and when it was rumored that the chorus theless before long the chorus triumph was subscribing for a big tree and had antly garnishing a particularly pyramidal already raised \$93, the ballet girls held tree heard the story. A meeting was held she has to limit her giving this year to the meetings and arranged for a bigger tree in the chorus room and from there an subscription presents and to the fifteen and triumphantly gathered in \$117 for it. invitation was sent to the ballet inviting Then a certain story spread among the them to be present at the chorus tree members of the ballet. Another meeting and the festival was held without any was held and the whole sum with a little of the former rivalry. Just the other more added was turned over to a member | day a company letter received announced of a committee who bought with it a the complete recovery of the invalid, steamer ticket for one of the ballet girls, who will, it is hoped, be present for this

> On Christmas Eve the whole Hippodrome force after the regular performance presented tickets at the quor of the Casino Theatre where a radnight benefit was given for one of the chorus men of the Hippodrome, who had developed symptoms c. tuberculosis and whose life depend d on his getting away speedily from New York. "The Pied Piper" with De Wolf Hopper in the title rôle was given and the box office receipts minus nothing were turned over to the chorus man, who started off immediately for Denver, where he is now established in a small business and is doing well physically and finan-



THE BABY BEARS' CHRISTMAS TREE.



of the oval and the old chief of the tribe gyrics of praise at the idea of Christman at the other. All the people were in full falling this year on Sunday. The usual

Christmas holiday. What was easier to will present to each other the silk stockunderstand was the gifts of clothing ings, the rosetted caps of Shetland wool taken from the centre piles, which, distributed, were seen to be composed of lars and the pieces of handmade lingerie. handwrought belts, skirts of dyed rushes, these being gifts which are just as popu-coats of wool, woven, dyed and sewed by lar one year as another.

regalia and their faces had extra mark-dinner after the Christmas Eve performings of paint used only on extraordinary ance is to be held on the stage, Slivers, in the absence of Marceline, who is on One by one the Maoris stood and made the road, to be toastmaster. All the heads ddresses in the native tongue which, it of department will get their presents was supposed, were descriptive of the then, and in the dressing rooms the girls

Mr. Raines's Fortune

Luck Attends a Desperate Effort to Get Relief From Present Ills.

Glassford's boarding house and nobody knowles?" interposed Miss Purrett with But Mrs Raines was curious; one could

The inevitable porate said trimined. While the other two chatted together with nasturtium leaves from the back in each of his presence Mr yard and the salaratus biscuits raised. Raines behind the biscuit ramparts here. with flour, as the other hoarders disclainfully described them, were quite good on the lots of use his appetite ebbing as the morning after breakfalling on a alice of bread and a glass of milk left on the lots of work. The missing heir to the vast mediaval that morning after breakfalling on a alice of bread and a glass of milk left on the lots of use belong the beautiful the biscuit ramparts he had fortively rearred, reflected gloomily of the lots of use his appetite ebbing as his aspirations rose.

Yes, it was money that made the mare good them only the morning after breakfalling on a alice of bread and a glass of milk left on the had mares of his own; the nightnare of bread and a glass of milk left on the had mares of his own; the nightnare of the Marmarch and Grossen.

"I do believe our latest acquisition is coming after all," said Mrs. Glassford, Wednesday night dinner at the boardcoming after all "said Mrs Glassford, wednesday night before the gong had, and "though he said he had direct on the train ing house, and even before the gong had, and to alway everybody was seated Mr. Now, isn't that real-friendly of him. It is ceased to clang everybody was seated Mr. Orvis Enowles, Mr. Baines, who except Mr. Joe Baines, that is, almost

pled the opplent newcomer under foot, ness of her mission that loomed so ma- dear, They were now offering and accepting jestically and gave such compelling

cal culture she taught either too much or too little, and her charms were worn or wasted in consequence. Mr. Orvis Knowles was a tiny in person as he was big of manner.

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"On, Joseph doesn't mind being late."

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'I do have to travel a bit now and to your better, your inner self. Interests, but that hardly

Sunday night supper at Mrs. Elsie the commercial class, does it. Mr. doll before a squall

didn't count for anything when his wife one if desired; yes, I insist." And she could attend later to her husband's ex-

of bread and a glass of milk left on the kitchen table over night, and sent him home to dine late. Of dourse he was down to get his third square of the Week.

"Ah, this is something like," chuckled Oh, if the sound of money might make to the vegetable mess.

"I wish more of them were like you." That he stood to win twenty-lesides a few baronial castles scattered.

I wish more of them were like you. Eve thousand if he found the rightful Raines. sighed Mrs. Glassford heir of the De la Reynes? Why, he had *What do they expect after the Sunday beard of that great English fortune bediener I give? You never make a fuse."

"I don't have to." muttered Mr. Raines about it down at the works? Let him the couldn't put the sound of the boarders in a rush embraced the happy barry toward the door be helped even if he failed he couldn't be worse of the make sure there was no mistake.

Ways the way. Hark what - that for the vacant chair by her side had been.

The confused noise on being translated pushed back commemptionsly, yet the The confused noise on being trunslated pushed back comtemptionsly, yet the told that Mrs. Glausford's wish was about elbow room was none too large. Not to be granified. Miss Purrett, while also that Mrs. Raines was massive, except descending in the dark had nearly train-of spirit. It was her port, the consciousible oppoient newcomer under foot, ness of her mission that loomed so mandal. Miss. Purrent had practised the physic felt her influence and responded uneasily. cal culture she taught either too much "Sorry your good man is so late, ma'am." him from

"Head of the finishing room at the Mammoth and Gramous Works, str."

Answered Mr Rames 'You are on the rooms at the tropical blasts' I hope amid all blasts' and the lace pillow slips."

then in my confidential work for the "Yes, I have looked at them," agreed Mr. Knowles somewhat dubiously.

precipitation as he slopped into the chair had done the rest. by his consort's side and reached for a

with a dart rescued an evening paper that was rapidly returning to wood

pulp in the soak of his side pocket. You didn't buy the Quotidian of all things, Joseph!" she gasped.

That's exactly the thing I just did retorted Mr. Raines doggedly. That hardly puts you magnates in and the company turned blue like the

down, that is, scarcely suybesty of a withering glance. "The idea!" read that in the converging tilts of her course Mr. Rames had selled into his seat. "Let me get you an egg, Mr. Knowles." nose and chin. She wanted to know, at first sound of the gong, but then he cried Mrs. Glassford. "We always give and she wanted to know right away. She bustled into the inner darkness in the travugance "Excuse me," she said,

Joseph, dear Joseph," she cried, "what

about the United Kingdom," began Mr. Raines caimly. "I was going to keep

always knew there was something remained one and he became naught about dear Mr Raines, gurgled Behold Mr Raines, then, in the Now you understand, between you

has taken our second story from the everybody represents unlines. I do wish Miss Purrett were here instead of but that is all Indeed, she was holding down two places.

Ways the way. Hark what sthat is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that is all for the vaccint chars by here instead of the present that the present the moment I spotted him. But I found something even more precious than the rakeoff I'll get." And he present the moment I spotted him. But I found something even more precious than the rakeoff I'll get." And he present the moment I spotted him. But I found something even more precious than the rakeoff I'll get." And he present the moment I spotted him. But I found something even more precious than the rakeoff I'll get." And he present here instead of the present him but I found something even more precious than the rakeoff I'll get." And he present here instead of the precious than the rakeoff I'll get." And he present here instead of the precious that the precious that the rakeoff I'll get." And he present here instead of the precious that the precious the precious that the precious that the precious that the precious the precious that the precious that the precious that the precious the precious that the precious that the precious the precious the precious the precious that the precious the precious that the precious the precious the precious that the precious the precious the precious that the precious the precious the precious the pre

power to her eye. Even Mr. Knowles was to be put in warm storage for the present. His spouse already was leading Indeed it was obvious that Mr. Raines

Here the basement door banged open desperate purpose to get temporary and shut, and Mr. Raines blew in between. relief from ills too hard to hear. It had never do so again; I swear I never, never with a surprisingly large part of the only been necessary for him to smile will. storm. The dress of the doll barometer mysteriously when the joshing at the storm. The dress of the doll barometer mysteriously when the joshing at the on the mantel turned to the hue of great works was resumed, and excited gossip knowles and Miss Purrett came in to social events."

Mrs. Raines looked him over and then a paper campaign in town in search for a paper campaign in town in search for the De la Reyne heirs. His last note was the clarest and loudest. He had found his quarry. In a month he would return bringing golden sheaves

On the very day of his departure a reporter, whose ear, had been to the

reporter whose ear had been to the ground charged Mr. Raines with being suit the newly found heir whose identity was such a fascinating problem to the public. Raines hesitated, stalomered and odded assent; and there he was a multimillionaire almost in spite of himself.

Mr. Raines did not regret it; he would not regret it at least not vet. He was as happy and free as a schoolboy with endless holidays before him. For the pleased and was urged to rest his poor, tired self-still more. For the first time in years, he sat at the front window in the best rocking chair, in shirtsleeves and speed M? Rainest. I mink what an inspiration it will be to the board-occasion and all that, Mr. Raines, said occasion and all that Barrister Nantz didn't sail it is not possible to have much admirately on the steamer, at least there is not them both.

"Sorry to break in on such a festive occasion and all that, Mr. Raines, said occasion and all that, Mr. Rain slippers, smoking his short pipe as he had never dared to smoke it within doors except furtively on the back stairs of a Sunday morning

The Mammoth and Grampus folks had made him a flattering offer of partnership, insisting that he take a vacation on does this mean? full pay meanwhile to thirs it over. His about five million sterling, spot cash, besides a few baronial castles scattered but Mrs Joseph Raines most proudly to the world, was all he had ever dreamed But what Mr Raines was going to do did come after this delicious, indefinite, was lost in what the tableful did. The hoarders in a rush embraced the happy no more than he had been longing for she might be. Suppose that the deluge since that mystic union whereby Cynthia

Behold Mr Raines, then, in the full glories of the suite into which Mrs. Glassford had made haste to turn the parlors and me, why I came here, whispered ford had made haste to turn the parlors Mr. Knowles "I sent my principals for his use, as he languidly opened the straight steer the moment I spotted myriad of letters and sorted them into three piles. Near by stood Mrs. Raines, And expectant yet timorous

"Are they all so important, Joseph?" at length she ventured to ask

like, they are all sorts of strikes. The next are from money lenders I think I'll accept some of their courtesies in a good cause, since they are so pressing The rest are from your missionary friends They want me to fit out an expedition to Polynesia and put you in command. I'm agreeable, and I don't see why you offers.

Now I am man shough; I think you Luck had favored Mr. Raines in his had better go; damn the expense."

"I'll see," replied Mr. Raines. had done the rest.

Algernon Nantz, the eminent English for the four had become great friends. They, too, were at a critical point, the union of their ways and means. They

monial trump and I'm going to follow

All this was very pleasnat to Mrs. Raines If Joseph should become in-terested in the approaching nuptials he might think more tenderly of those long past and gone; he might forgive, he might forget. It would cont a lot, but hadn't he forget. It would could a lot, but hadn't he himself said that word about the expense? "You shall be married right here, my dears," she declared. "We'll throw open the parlors and provide everything. Joseph shall give the bride away, and I'll

as he had thought he would. Things were going so pleasantly for him; why might they not form a habit of doing so. just as things used to seem to delight to keep going from bad to worse? He really hadn't wronged any one by his deception. He never had had the slightest idea of even considering the usurious

The vacation with pay was no more than his due from the Mammoth A Grampus folks, and they knew it. They would help themselves, so they would,

Mr. Raines looked out nervously and saw an alert young man approaching.

"It is a reporter," he whispered to the bridegroom Wooden Ones Designed by Adam, Shera-"Naturally," agreed Mr. Knowles.

"But he is the reporter of the Quotidian." In that supreme moment the two mene of the eighteenth and early nineteenth looked at each other and each realized centuries, though there is no doubt, for the first their peril. Mr. Raines knew, says the Queen, that disterns of metal for the first their peril. Mr. Raines knew, for the first their peril. Mr. Raines knew, as he might have known all along, that Mr. Knowles was a cheap adventurer, living on his wits, who had probably come to that obscure boarding house as to a

They have to keep in touch with such

city of refuge, and was glad enough to annex himself to one capable of making their joint living. But would Miss Purrett stand for it if, while there was yet time. should she know? Mr. Knowles knew, as he had known all along, that Mr. Raines could not well be the heir of the De la Reine fortune, for he stand from the wood of the captured the neir of the De la Reine fortune, for he stand constructed that fortune himself ships. The cooler is very heavy and from vague English gossip, breathing the breath of life into a man of straw called Barrister Algernon Nantz, and raising the occasional wind on the strength of The wooden wine coolers began to be be asset to be strength of the wooden wine coolers began to be

being his agent. But yet, if he might only continue to seem to be, it would still continue well for them both. at all on the steamer, at least there is no tion.

such name on the list. We want to keep the public safe. Either some complication in the public safe. Either some complication is not tion.

The octagonal brass bound bucket with the public safe.

was doing it in bangup style. "Trust "I fit up that expedition sure, if you can be don't shut up," snapped the desperate was doing it in bangup style. "Trust "Raines and then he added aloud and have the appearance of square, hexag-

was doing it in bangup style. "Trust me for knowing what's what." Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what. "Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what." Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what. "Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what." Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what. "Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what." Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what. "Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what." Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what. "Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what." Mr. Orvis me for knowing what's what. "Mr. Orvis me four the reporter these remarkable were digging for an extry million that has been "kivered up in Chancery." "Hush. darling." murmured Mr. Knowles "It's a sure as sure, with compound interest piling up meanwhile." And then he drew the reporter confidently to the reporter these remarkable words. "We're digging for an extry million that has been "kivered up in Chancery." "Hush. darling." murmured Mr. Knowles "It's as sure as sure, with compound interest piling up meanwhile." slightly inlaid with salinwed bound with brass, is also met with at this four that the bar-rister, sailed incog of course, he said. "Hush. Whith we confidently to the reporter these remarkable words in the ways turned to the words. "We're digging for an extry million that has been "kivered up in Chancery." "Hush. darling." murmured Mr. Knowles "It's as sure as sure, with compound interest piling up meanwhile." he bar-rister, sailed incog of course, he said. "A specimen of the Heppelwhite period is square in shape, on four fluted legs, with jeered bar sides and the bars gives it a very lively appearance of square hexary onal

"In high finance," he said, "anticipation is better than realization."

And so indeed it proved. The Quotidian backed the story until it dropped it for something fresher. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles subsisted on physical culture and bluff until they concluded to seek pastures new for both. But the Raineses remained the star boarders in the parlor suite of the hoarding house.

Indeed, Mr. Raines's somewhat crooked lines had fallen into pleasant places.

been separated for a day I should die.
Let us encourage by word and gift those whose backs are fitted for the burden; but we have a holier duty to ourselves, to each other."

"I don't know about that," grumbled into me, day in and day out, because I wasn't man enough to fit you out and send you off. Now I am man ehough; I think you off. Now I am man ehough to fit you out and send the had then the advantageous position of one about to receive. It freed him from the heads form the backs of the held the advantageous position of one about to receive. It freed him from the backs of the held the advantageous position of one about to receive. It freed him from the heads form the backs of the held the advantageous And Mrs. Baines prudently continued from the mouth of which volcable to make real his fondest dreams.

suits of clothing were piled, and squatted had for many decades now kept the about these was the entire tribe, forming | English Christmas, but had grafted on its a complete oval. The American manager, programme their own religious and White, who had gathered the tribe social observances. together in New Zealand and shepherded The members of the Hippodrama them to the Hippodrome, was at one end dressing room groups break into pane

trappings. The manager explained that

At the end of the investiture ceremony

a group fascinated and, it is admitted



Hippodrome also touches on various in- hand, for the men, and for the women teresting ceremonials which have taken necklaces and charms of the tiki atom

place among the foreign peoples who which resembles Chinese jade and is often

have been from time to time included dug from the graves of long buried w

and Arabs may be merely rumors, but again the Maoris squatted in an oval, the

in the case of the Maori celebration last guests this time huddling together to

These invited guests were received fearful. The war cry of the Maoris, who

with much ceremony in the basement on the stage is impressive enough.

room set apart for the sitting room of the that dimly lighted room, at that

men and women of the Maori tribe. It usual hour, had an extra germ of sewas long after midnight. Only dim lights in it, and the guests were glad enough

burned here and there and the path to the when the ceremony of shaking hands

underground place was picked out by and touching noses finished the visit

green branches with incandescents shin- and they could depart in their strange

In the middle of the room ceremonial the Maoris under English colonization

in the productions. Rumors of several riors.

ceremonials participated in by Indians

year outsiders were present.

ng through.

ton, Chippendale and Reppelwhite. The wine cooler is almost exclusively associated in our minds with furniture

were used for the same purpose at an

earlier date. In the manuscripts of the Earl of Vern lam an important item in the furniture of "the best room" in 1644 is "il leaden cisternes to sett the beere in." and there is an interesting early wine cooler at Penshurst, made from the British guns

prominent with the development of sideboard and the sideboard table. T stood under the sideboard table of

It was the hour before the wedding.

Already the bride and bridegroom were waiting in the rear parlor. Already the waste waiting in the rear parlor. Already the bride and she looked unutterable to be sharply, and she looked unutterable to be sharply. The legs are short and generally tapered to be sharply. waiting in the rear parlor. Already the boarders had gathered in the front parlor.

Already in the dining room the festive board was spread. A caterer had under
sharply, and she looked unutterable things.

"Oh, Orvis," sighed Miss Purrett, "if the legs are short and generally tapered or square; sometimes they are ornamented with plain fluted mouldings, and here is any question of that twenty-five and there as specimen is to be found with bousand, shouldn't we pause and reflect?" short legs of the claw and ball or cabriole

to stay to drink a health to the bride, and the clergyman came slowly down the stairs. Mr Knowles turned as he crooked his arm toward Mrs Raines to breathe his first and last words on the subject to his coconspirator.

"In high finance "he said "anticipation of gill brass, modelled with great perventions."

subject to his coconspirator.

"In high finance," he said, "anticipation and artistic feeling.

Sheraton when defining "cellaret."